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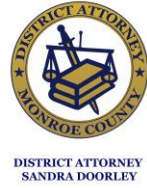
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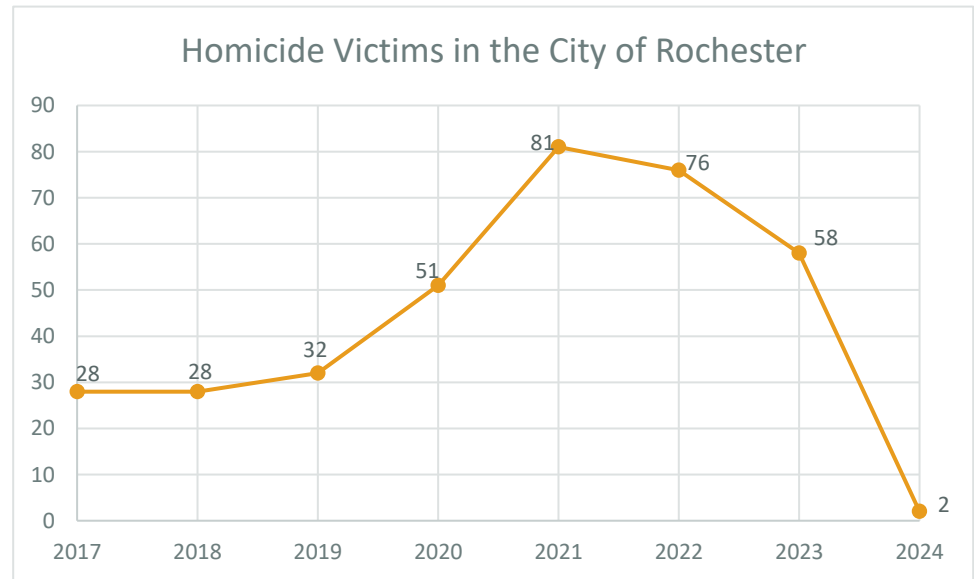


Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

2023 Final Data Update

Over the past two weeks, my team has been busy updating our 2023 totals. Please see below for the final data. As promised, I will continue to update this information monthly. Please let me know what new data points you would like me to share in 2024!

Homicides



Source – Rochester Police Department Open Data Portal

Although 58 homicides is far too many, I am pleased that the 2023 number is down over 20% compared to 2022.

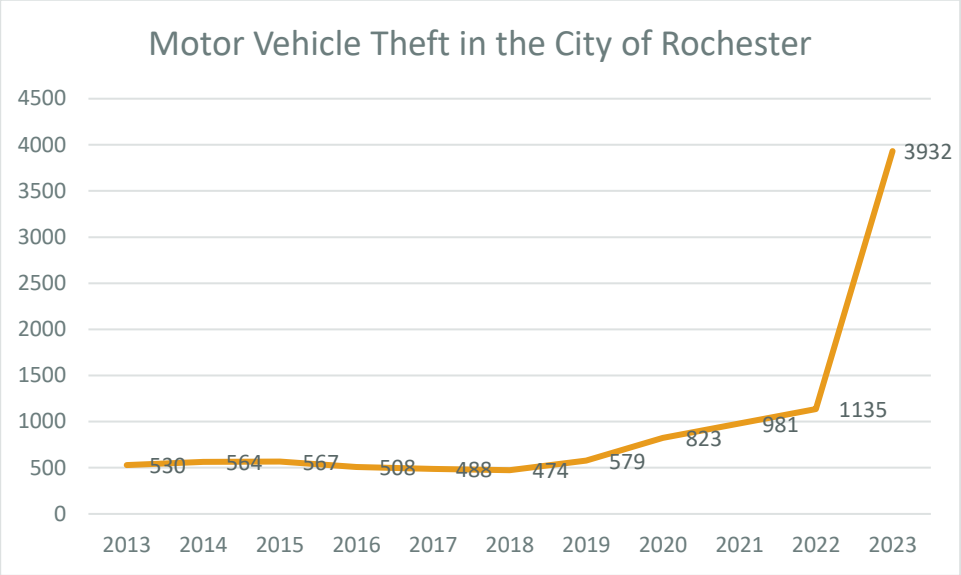
Homicide Update

To Date 2024:

City of Rochester Total: 2

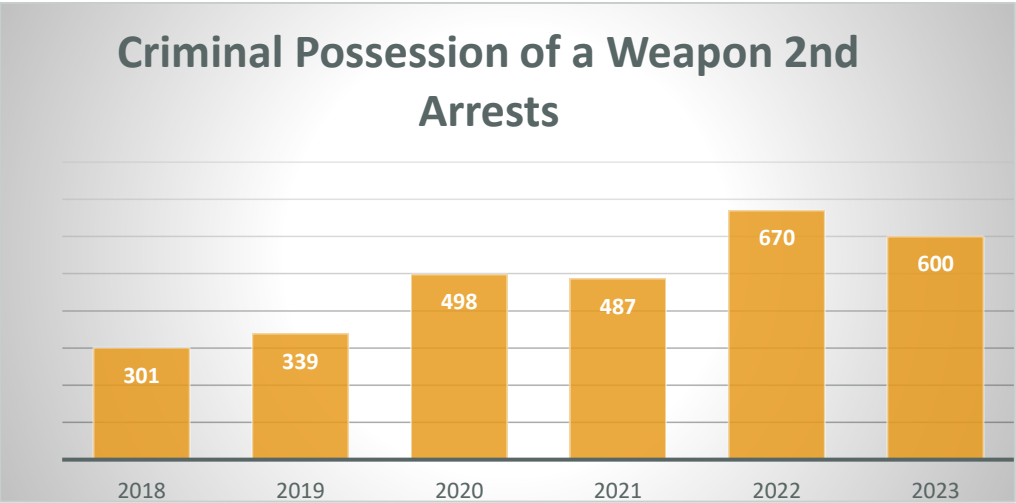
Monroe County Total: 2

Motor Vehicle Thefts



In 2024, we will continue to focus on the record breaking number of stolen motor vehicles in the City of Rochester and throughout our entire community. I will keep you updated on any felony indictments and the disposition of these cases.

Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree



Source – Monroe County District Attorney’s Office internal case data

These are the arrests for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree that are not attached to homicide cases. I expect to see a sharp decline in the coming year with our strong focus on these shooting cases.

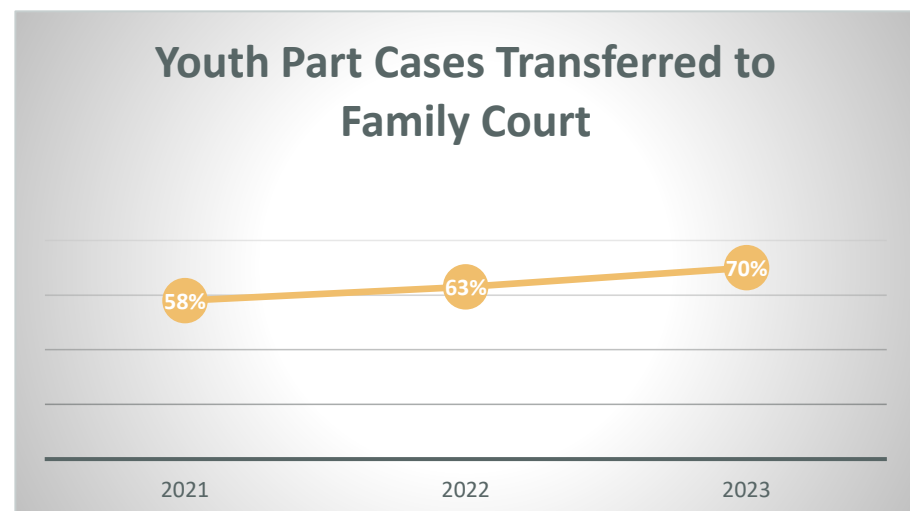
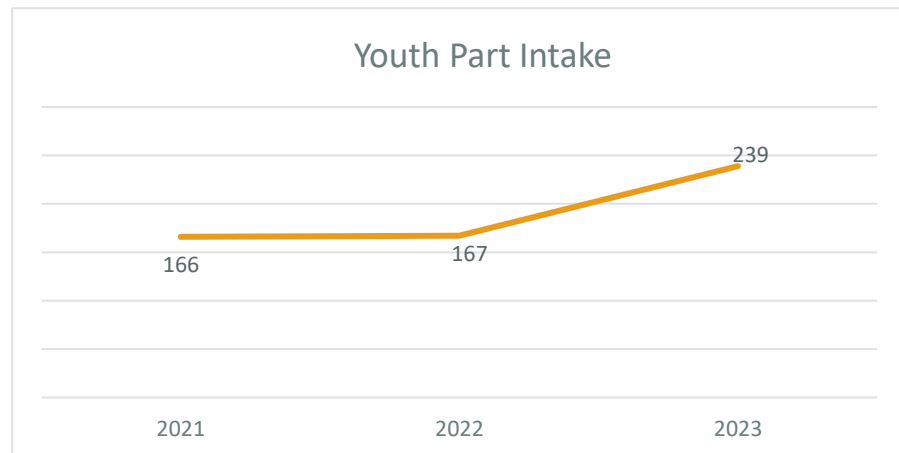
Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree Bail Status

Year	Arrests	Released at Arraignment W/ Non-Monetary Conditions	Bail Set in the Amount of 5K or less
2018	301	3%	25%
2019	339	7%	35%
2020	498	33%	63%
2021	487	17%	35%
2022	670	21%	29%
2023	600	20%	32%

Listed above is the percentage of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree arrests where non-monetary bail is being set at arraignments. I also noted the percentage of cases where cash bail was set at \$5,000 or less. Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree is a class C violent felony.

Youth Part Cases

There has been a lot of interest in youth part and juvenile prosecution. Listed below are the numbers we are seeing into Youth Criminal Part, and how many of those cases stay, or are transferred to Family Court, which is outside of our office.



In four weeks, I will update you on our early 2024 numbers. I want to know, what data do you want to see? What can I share that is of interest to you?

Please email DistrictAttorney@monroecounty.gov to share what you would like to see during our data updates!

Sandra

Deadly Driving Bill Update

I would like to update you on the progress of the Deadly Driving Bill. As I stated in last week's newsletter, I sent a letter to the members of our local delegation highlighting its importance.

I am thrilled to report that two of our representatives already reached out. I would like to thank both Assemblyman Brian Manktelow and Assemblymember Jen Lunsford for contacting me to share your support for this important legislation. I appreciate that both of these representatives, although on different sides of the aisle, can appreciate our need for safer roads.

For those representatives who have not yet decided where they stand on the Deadly Driving Bill, I urge you to watch the below news segment from WHEC-10. Listen to father Henry Rivera, who shares why this bill is important. Henry lost his son to a drunk driver in 2007 and continues to be the best advocate for safe driving.

Families and prosecutors push for passage of Deadly Driving Bill

Jennifer Lewke News10NBC
January 16, 2024 - 7:13 PM



<https://www.whec.com/top-news/families-and-prosecutors-push-for-passage-of-deadly-driving-bill/?fbclid=IwAR2P3O4fkOPvGTp5Xryo3SH92Hlg5o-WT89gbRiQ3fT-CIpvY2MRFvPumpM>

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

A Rochester City Court Jury convicted 33-year-old **Brice Allen Thomas** of Reckless Driving and 15 traffic related violations. On November 26, 2022, a Rochester Police Officer pulled over Brice Allen Thomas for a traffic violation. After initially pulling over, the driver fled the police officer and continued to drive recklessly. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Phipps, of the Local Courts Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney James Nguyen, also of the Local Courts Bureau. Brice Allen Thomas will be sentenced in March, in front of Rochester City Court Judge Lee.

An indictment was unsealed charging **Brandon Hall** with Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the shooting homicide of Alec Rouse on August 20, 2023. Bail was set at \$25,000 cash, \$75,000 bond, and \$175,000 partially secured bond. His next court date is March 7, 2024, for pre-trial motions in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

Michael Brodman was arraigned in Gates Town Court on charges of Operator Leave Scene of Incident Resulting in Death. This arrest is in relation to the death of a pedestrian in a hit-and-run crash in the Town of Gates on December 31, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Raymond Benitez, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Quan Colbert was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a weapon on June 24, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to ADA Jamie Englerth, ADA Thomas Anderson, and ADA Joseph Flores on being sworn in to the 4th Department of New York State as admitted attorneys!



MCDA in the News

<https://www.newsbreak.com/rochester-ny/3300535096110-families-and-prosecutors-push-for-passage-of-deadly-driving-bill>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/01/18/michael-brodman-charged-in-crash-that-killed-jose-rivera-in-gates-ny/72265484007/>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/families-and-prosecutors-push-for-passage-of-deadly-driving-bill/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-arraigned-on-charges-in-deadly-shootout-outside-rochester-bar-dennis-speed-st-lounge-ervin-wiggins-porter-mizell>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/arrest-made-in-hit-and-run-crash-in-gates-on-new-years-eve/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-charged-in-connection-to-deadly-new-years-eve-hit-and-run-in-gates-buffalo-road>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/man-arrested-after-buffalo-road-fatal-hit-and-run/>

<https://bnnbreaking.com/breaking-news/crime/rochester-man-arrested-for-fatal-new-years-eve-hit-and-run/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/01/16/brad-steve-and-raymond-noel-were-shot-during-incident-in-east-rochester-ny-garfield-st/72235684007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/east-rochester-police-suspect-ignored-commands-before-exchanging-gunfire-with-officer>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/police-presence-in-east-rochester/>



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